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Memorandum

SCHOOL YEAR AND HOLIDAYS 1953-1954

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOLS ACTS

The school year shall consist of two terms, the first of which shall begin on the first Tuesday of September following Labour Day and shall end on the 22nd day of December, and the second of which shall begin on the 3rd day of January and end on the 29th day of June.

When the 3rd day of January is a Friday, the schools shall not be opened until the following Monday, and when the 29th day of June or the 22nd day of December is a Monday, the schools shall be closed on the preceding Friday.

Every Saturday, every public holiday, Victoria Day, the 11th day of November, the day appointed annually to be celebrated officially as the birthday of the reigning sovereign, the week following Easter day, and every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged, and every day upon which a school is closed under the provisions of The Public Health Act or the regulations of the Department, shall be a school holiday.

HOLIDAYS

The following are the school holidays during the school year, 1953-54:

(1) Thanksgiving Day.
(2) Remembrance Day—November 11.
(3) December 23 - 31 (both days included) — part of Christmas vacation.
(4) The first three days of January — part of Christmas vacation.
(5) Easter holidays — April 16 - 25 (both days included).
(6) Victoria Day — May 24, 1954.
(7) The Day appointed officially for the celebration of the Queen's Birthday.

DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

Open	September 8, 1953	Close	December 22, 1953
Reopen	January 4, 1954	Close	April 15, 1954
Reopen	April 26, 1954	Close	June 29, 1954

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

September, 1953	17	January, 1954	20
October, 1953	21	February, 1954	20
November, 1953	20	March, 1954	23
December, 1953	16	April, 1954	16
	74	May, 1954	20
		June, 1954	20
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NOTE:—For the above table, it has been assumed that Thanksgiving Day will be in October, 1953, and the day appointed for the celebration of the Queen's Birthday in June, 1954.

Number of teaching days for the school year 1953-54—193.

Number of teaching days for the calendar year 1953—191.

C. F. CANNON,
Deputy Minister.

Toronto, August 1, 1953.

(See also Notice to Principals on the other side of this sheet).

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NOTICE TO PRINCIPALS

In order that Boards may be enabled to earn their full grants, teachers are asked to comply with the following instructions.

For All Schools

If the number of lawful teaching days varies for different rooms in a school, the number for the entire school is derived as in the following example:—

In the case of a ten-roomed school with four rooms, for which the lawful number of days is 195, and six rooms, for which the lawful number of days is 185, the calculation would be:—

4 rooms	each open for 195 days (4 x 195)	780
6 rooms	each open for 185 days (6 x 185)	1110
		1890
10 rooms	open for 1890 divided by 10	189 days

Therefore, the lawful number of teaching days for the entire school is 189.

The deductions above may be made only for the reasons given in Part 9, page 4, of the Daily Register for Public and Separate Schools, and Instructions re Register Records, Secondary School Register. The lawful number of days for the whole year must be used where for any other reason a school or a classroom is open for only a part of the year.

For Secondary Schools

1. Up to and including June 9, only those pupils who are in actual attendance in regular classes are to be marked present.
2. All final examinations in Grades IX to XII inclusive shall take place after June 9 on such dates as the principal may determine, and pupils of Grades IX to XII inclusive who write these examinations shall be marked present for every school day from June 10 to June 29 inclusive.
3. All pupils of Grades IX to XII inclusive who have been in regular attendance up to June 9 and who are excused from these examinations because of superior standing during the year shall be marked present for every school day from June 10 to June 29 inclusive.
4. All pupils who write one or more Grade XIII Departmental Examination papers shall be marked present for every school day from June 10 to June 29 inclusive.

NOTE:—The Provisions of Memorandum re Co-Operation with Ontario Farm Labour Service and of Examination Circular 40, if issued, shall not be affected by this memorandum.

C. F. CANNON,
Deputy Minister.

Toronto, August 1, 1953.

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MEMORANDUM TO SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INSPECTORS

By authority of a Proclamation printed in the Canada Gazette dated January 30, 1954, the Queen's Birthday in 1954 will be celebrated on Victoria Day, which will be on May 24.

Therefore, the number of legal teaching days in June will be twenty-one instead of twenty, as stated on Form 94, School Year and Holidays.

E. F. Hannon

Deputy Minister of Education.

TORONTO 2, March 26, 1954.